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12/05/2012 Minutes

Arlington Open Space Committee Minutes – December 5, 2012

Present: Ann LeRoyer, Joey Glushko, Elizabeth Karpati, David White

Guest: Steve Makowka

Absent: Lisa Decker, Jane Auger, Michele Hassler, Teresa DeBenedictis, Patsy Kraemer, Leslie Mayer

Minutes/notes by Ann LeRoyer

Since we did not have a quorum, we did not review minutes or follow most of the planned agenda.

Steve Makowka, an abutter of Cooke's Hollow and chair of the Arlington Historic Districts Commission, had been invited to share interests and concerns about the Mill Brook corridor and to coordinate future planning and information sharing between our committees.

We had a useful conversation about Cooke's Hollow, but all recognize that funding of any improvements is a major obstacle to reaching goals. He is opposed to the idea of any cemetery/cremains use at Cooke's Hollow, which was defeated at Town Meeting anyway. However, he will follow up with Town Counsel Juliana Rice about legal issues regarding the upgraded Arlington Catholic field, which now blocks access in the area. He also supports the idea of banners, signage, or other ways to draw attention to the historic sites along the brook.

We agreed to continue to stay in touch about relevant issues and concerns.

Ann LeRoyer January 22, 2013

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